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The Drums of Peace:

Orwell marches on in the name of good health. New CDC rules will require:

"airports and international cruise operators to request detailed contact information from passengers; maintain that information -- along with the passenger's seat location -- electronically for at least 60 days; and transmit it to the CDC within 12 hours of a request."

Left unsaid is, who else and what other agencies will collect this information and how long they will keep it?

Real Americans don't want the government to spy on them for any reason. Actually, that used to be our right as a citizen unless we did something wrong. Not anymore.

I oppose the government destroying my civil rights as guaranteed by the constitution, even in the name of good health. Once an outbreak occurs you will not be able to stop it with a list of passenger addresses and contacts. IT WILL BE TOO LATE. That's the truth and you know it!

How will I know the name of the person I sat next to in the restaurant three days ago who gave me the plague? Look at FEMA and the response to Katrina as the more likely outcome scenario if an emergency should occur.

For those who would stupidly volunteer information that will be distributed like party favors all over the world, let them. The Patriot Act trumps CDC rules so all information collected will be available in the FBI, CIA, Mossad, and Mayberry PD data banks.

Information is private only until someone says it's not.

The first time a chicken hawk flu virus scare is announced passengers will not be allowed to board a plane or a boat without filling out a questionnaire detailing their life history under penalty of law if not death due to the Patriot Act. I am right about this.

Also, the airline industry is literally on the verge of bankruptcy. New intrusive rules that discourage travel, increase bureaucracy and costs may speed airlines into foreign ownership at extremely depressed prices. What will you do then?

As for me, I want my country back!

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